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OUTDOORS

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA



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The OUTDOORS is your guide to the programs and events occurring within Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park System. Dedicated staff and volunteers, from the following partner agencies and organizations, help open doors and provide avenues for you to explore and enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains.

Participating Partners

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| AASMM | Allied Artists, Santa Monica Mountains | 310-457-9130 |
| CCD | Cold Creek Docents | 818-591-1701 |
| CMPRD | City of Malibu Parks & Recreation Dept | 310-317-1364 |
| CNI | The Children's Nature Institute | 310-860-9484 |
| CNPS | California Native Plant Society | 818-348-5910 |
| CORBA | Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Assn | 818-773-3555 |
| CRPD | Conejo Recreation & Park District | 805-495-2163 |
| CSP | California State Parks | 818-880-0350 |
| CW | Coastwalk | 310-394-2799 |
| FORC | Friends of Runyon Canyon | 323-666-5004 |
| LADPR | County of Los Angeles Dept of Parks & Recreation | 213-738-2961 |
| LANABA | L.A. Chapter of the North American Butterfly Assn | 310-454-4279 |
| MCD | Malibu Creek Docents | 818-889-6238 |
| MLMD | Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents | 310-456-8432 |
| MRCA | Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority | 310-858-7272 |
| MRT | Mountains Restoration Trust | 818-591-1701 |
| NOWW | The Nature of Wildworks | 310-455-0550 |
| NPS | National Park Service | 805-370-2301 |
| RCDSMM | Resource Conserv. District of the Santa Monica Mtns | 818-597-8627 |
| SC | Sierra Club | 213-387-4287 |
| SFVAS | San Fernando Valley Audubon Society | 310-457-5796 |
| SFVGP | San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch | 818-996-3606 |
| SMBAS | Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society | 310-395-6235 |
| SMMC | Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy | 310-589-3200 |
| SMMF | Santa Monica Mountains Fund | 805-370-2341 |
| SMMNHA | Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Association | 805-488-1827 |
| SMMTC | Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council | 818-222-4531 |
| SRSMMR | UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve | 310-206-3887 |
| TCA | Temescal Canyon Association | 310-459-5931 |
| TCD | Topanga Canyon Docents | 310-455-1696 |
| TOPAW | Thousand Oaks Plein Air Watercolorists | 805-494-1700 |
| TP | TreePeople | 818-753-4600 |
| WODOC | William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom | 310-858-7272x131 |
| WRD | Will Rogers State Historic Park Docents | 310-454-8212 |

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David Hayward, *Spirit of the Mountains*
Photo Contest 2007 Winner—
Third Place, *Plants*

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LEGEND

Time - If a *single time* is listed, the program begins at that time and lasts for the number of hours indicated. If a *span of time* is listed, you may attend the program any time within those hours.

Location - Directions are found on pages 18 and 23. *Between these pages and in the center of the publication is a map of the national recreation area. These pages may be removed together for easy reference.*

Reservation/Program Fee - Will be indicated if required. *Note: A parking fee may be required at some park sites.*

hrs - abbreviation for 'hours' for the length of the program.

Acronym of Sponsoring Partner - See the facing page for a list of participating partners and phone numbers to call for further information.

You may also contact:

National Park Service Visitor Center 805-370-2301

401 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks CA 91360

Hours: Daily, 9am to 5pm Closed on some holidays.

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Inside Story

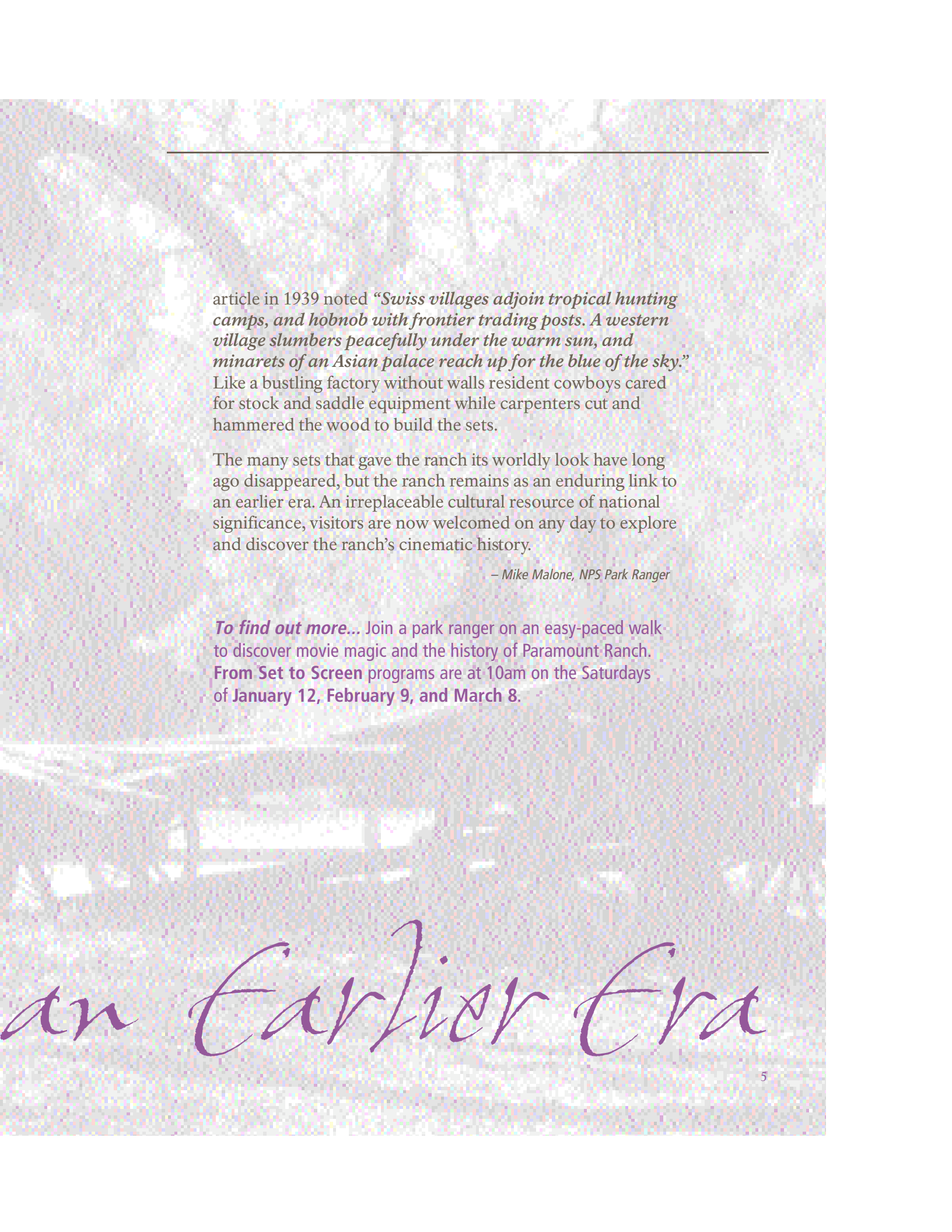
"New Ranch to Make Film Bow" That was the headline on the front page of the Paramount Pictures studio newsletter, dated November 21, 1927.

Touted at the time as the largest single piece of property held by any motion picture company anywhere, Paramount Ranch once covered 2700 acres that stretched 2.5 miles from Ventura Boulevard to Mulholland Highway. In 1943, the studio sold the ranch, but the business of filmmaking still continues under the management of the National Park Service on 750 acres of the original ranch property.

Today, Paramount Ranch represents a rare historical site for an industry underrepresented among the nation's historic places. It is a prism through which to view the cultural phenomenon of the American motion picture industry during the first half of the 20th century.

During its peak years in the 1930's, a diverse mosaic of sets had sprung up on every corner of the ranch. A *New York Times*

Prism to an Era



article in 1939 noted “*Swiss villages adjoin tropical hunting camps, and hobnob with frontier trading posts. A western village slumbers peacefully under the warm sun, and minarets of an Asian palace reach up for the blue of the sky.*”

Like a bustling factory without walls resident cowboys cared for stock and saddle equipment while carpenters cut and hammered the wood to build the sets.

The many sets that gave the ranch its worldly look have long ago disappeared, but the ranch remains as an enduring link to an earlier era. An irreplaceable cultural resource of national significance, visitors are now welcomed on any day to explore and discover the ranch’s cinematic history.

– Mike Malone, NPS Park Ranger

To find out more... Join a park ranger on an easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch.
From Set to Screen programs are at 10am on the Saturdays of January 12, February 9, and March 8.

an Earlier Era

WINTER PROGRAMS

J A N U A R Y

TUE 1/1 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park

Moderate Hikers to Paramount Ranch While your spouse watches the Bowl games, join us on a 6-mile roundtrip, 500' gain hike to the movie sets at Paramount Ranch. Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels* Info: 310-391-5004. 3hrs SC

TUE 1/1 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA



Garden Tours of the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more.

Reservation required:
310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small groups (no reservations are required).

Meet docent(s) next to the Gate House at 10am for a one-hour tour. FEE

SAT 1/5 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. Meet at the pullout on Piuma Rd (3 miles from Las Virgenes Rd). Bring gloves, lunch, and water. Info: 818-222-4531 or 310-559-3126. 6hrs SMMTC/SC

SAT 1/5 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. *Rain cancels.* Info: www.corbamt.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

January 5, 2008

Saturday, 10am to 4pm

Learn to make your own fused glass jewelry with "Little Wing," also known as Judy DeRosa, an Echota Cherokee.

Her collectors span the globe and her other artistic forms of expression include etchings, mono-prints, acrylics, oil, and silver.

This in-depth workshop is for ages 16 and above. Class size is limited to 10 participants; **reservations required (non-refundable \$85 pre-registration fee due to artist by 1/5).** Info: 805-375-1930

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 1/5 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Woodland Restoration
 Plant oaks, native plants and grasses; receive credit for community service hours. *Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT*

SAT 1/5 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Nicholas Flat from Malibu Nature Preserve This is a strenuous 9-mile loop, 1600' gain hike to Nicholas Flat. Return via Leo Carrillo/Nicholas Canyon Beach. Meet in parking lot at Malibu Nature Preserve (33905 Pacific Coast Hwy). Bring lunch, water, and lug soles. *Rain cancels. 310-457-9783. 5hrs SC*

SAT 1/5 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Meditation in the Mountains This peaceful walk, talk, and guided meditation will help us connect with Mother Earth. Bring water. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 1/5 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Aerobic Trek Get your heart pumping and legs moving while enjoying the great outdoors. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 1/5 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve
First Saturday Start the new year right with a walk-about to a chaparral basin set amidst craggy sandstone peaks. Meet at the Lower Stunt High Trail-head. 2hrs CCD

California State Parks

January Schedule of Events



Leo Carrillo State Park

Info: 805-488-1827

Sundays, 10am

Adventure with a Ranger Join a ranger to explore some of the many wonders of this park. Meet at the entrance station. 1 hour

Point Mugu State Park

Info: 805-488-1827

Saturdays, 10am

Adventure with a Ranger Join a ranger to explore some of the many wonders of Sycamore Canyon. Meet at the entrance station. 1 hour

SAT 1/5 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
WODOC and the Movies
 See why Franklin Canyon has been a premier filming location for movies and TV shows such as *When a Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One Night*, and the beginning of *The Andy Griffith Show*. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

*Untitled by Lilian Darling Holt,
 Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest
 2007 Winner—1st Place,
 Animals category*

SAT 1/5 12:30pm

Malibu Creek State Park
Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts and games at the Visitor Center, 3/4 mile from the parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 1/6 8am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring water and snack. 3hrs SC



January

SUN 1/6 9am

Peter Strauss Ranch

La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Help remove invasive non-native plants to create wildlife habitat. Receive credit for community service. *Reservations required:* 818-591-1701 x203. Bring lunch and water. Meet in parking lot. 3hrs MRT

SUN 1/6 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

The Magic of Nature Children and families, join volunteer Lucy to look for clues on this gentle nature hike. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water or juice. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 1/6 1pm

Topanga State Park

Winter Adventure Walk The trails in this beautiful park offer a variety of close-up scenes and distant vistas. Join a docent naturalist in discovering winter signposts. 2hrs TCD

MON 1/7 9:30am

Headwaters Corner

Calabasas Historical Society Meeting The Calabasas area is rich in cultural resources. Help protect the precious stories of the past. Info: 818-591-1701 x205. 1.5hrs

Contemporary Native American Art Exhibit

Weekends 1/6 thru 3/30

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Experience the photography of **Valena Broussard Dismukes**. This fine art exhibit *Native Americans: The Red-Black Connection* is on people of mixed African and American Indian heritage.

Meet the artist on **January 6**. She will also be signing her book *The Red-Black Connection*.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TUE 1/8 9am

Caballero Canyon

Moderate Hikers "scale" Gizmo Peak (1927') This is the 13th in a series of peak-bagging hikes, hike 6 miles (1800' gain) to Mandeville Canyon before "scaling" Gizmo Peak. Bring water and lug soles. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-457-9783. 4hrs SC

TUE 1/8 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 1/8 7pm

Headwaters Corner

Gourds and Dyes Learn about the uses, misuses, and techniques of the many dyes now available for applying on gourds. Info: 818-989-2550. 2hrs SFVGP

THUR 1/10 8:30am

Caballero Canyon

Chaparral Chatter Explore the trails and byways of the valley's entrance into Topanga State Park. Winter rains bring a flush of green and early spring blooms add color to the canyon. Bring water and snack. Meet at the lower trailhead. Info: 818-345-6749. 3hrs CNPS

FRI 1/11 5:30pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Milkyway Gazing Winter skies are amazing at night. A telescope will be available but bring binoculars if you have them. Dress warmly. *Rain or cloudy skies cancel event. Reservations required:* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 1/12 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. *Reservations required:* 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 1/12 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Basic Trail Maintenance Workshop Program includes classroom and field demonstration work. Get parking pass and directions from attendant at entry. Lunch provided. Info: 805-498-2475. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 1/12 9am

Cold Creek Preserve
Second Saturday Interpretive Walk Explore trails that cross meadows, meander through scented shrubs, and are graced with the beauty of wildflowers and stately oaks. Meet at the lower gate. *Reservations required:* 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SAT 1/12 9:30am

Headwater Corners
Youth Naturalist Program: Sepulveda Wildlife Preserve Children age 8-12 and their families, learn why animals stay in wetlands and how wetlands contribute to ecological health. Bring binoculars (if you have them), water, lunch, and sturdy shoes. *Pre-registration required:* 818-591-1701 x181. *Fee.* 3hrs MRT

*Baby Horned Owl
 by Lilian Darling Holt*

SAT 1/12 10am

Paramount Ranch
From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SAT 1/12 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Discover Native American, cinematic, geological and historical sites on this docent-led walk. Learn about plants and trees. Meet at the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 1/12 4:30pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Evening Birds & Other Creatures of the Night The canyon is full of activity when the sun goes down. Learn about this hidden nocturnal world on a casual sunset stroll. Bring binoculars. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



January

SAT 1/12 7pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Silent Night Walk Expand your wilderness awareness skills on a wordless journey. Wear sturdy shoes or boots for this moderate to strenuous walk; bring water and flash-light. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 1/13 8am

King Gillette Ranch

Morning Birds All year round, a wealth of birdlife is attracted to the many habitats at this site. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. *\$5 parking fee. Rain cancels.* Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SUN 1/13 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fitness Hike Get movin' with fitness enthusiast Zahava on this moderate hike. Beginners welcome. Bring water and, if you like, your dog. Wear workout/hiking shoes. *Rain cancels.* 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 1/13 9am

Malibu Bluffs Park

Weed War and Habitat Restoration Remove invasive plants to restore parkland. Bring lunch, water, and gloves. Receive credit for community service hours. *Reservations required:* 818-348-5910. 4hrs CNPS

SUN 1/13 9am

Temescal Gateway Park

Annual Historic Hike Join historian Randy Young on a walk and talk in Rustic Canyon. Meet in parking lot (NW corner of Sunset and Temescal Canyon Rd). 4hrs TCA

SUN 1/13 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

The Faces of Franklin Canyon Who were William Mulholland, Sooky Goldman, and other influential faces of this area? 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 1/13 1pm

Topanga State Park

Winter Adventure Walk The trails in this beautiful park offer a variety of close-up scenes and distant vistas. Join a docent naturalist in discovering winter signposts. 2hrs TCD

SUN 1/13 2pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon An experienced photographer will help you find unique views and photo opportunities in nature. *Reservations required:* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 1/15 9am

Topanga State Park

Moderate Hikers/Dead-horse Trail to Cathedral Rock (2000') This 8-mile, 1200' gain hike is the 14th in a series of peak-bagging hikes. Meet at fee parking lot on Entrada. Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-391-5004. 4hrs SC

TUE 1/15 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA



WED 1/16 8:30am

Point Mugu State Park
Trail Work on Hidden Pond Trail Meet at Wendy Drive and Potrero Road in Newbury Park for shuttle. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Info: 805-987-3437. 5hrs SMMTC

WED 1/16 10am

Paramount Ranch
Plein Air Landscape Painting Bring your art materials and join experienced outdoor artists. Everyone interested in art is welcome to visit or join in. 3hrs TOPAW

SAT 1/19 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. *Reservations required:* 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 1/19 8:30am

Point Mugu State Park
Trail Work on Guadalupe Meet at Wendy Drive and Potrero Road in Newbury Park for shuttle. Bring gloves, lunch, and water. Info: 805-277-3606. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 1/19 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
History and Nature Hike 7 miles with 1800' gain through Malibu Nature Preserve (33905 Pacific Coast Hwy). Enjoy lunch by the pond at Nicholas Flat; enjoy stunning coastal views. Meet in parking lot. Bring two quarts of water, lunch, and lug-soles. *Rain cancels.* 4.5hrs CW

KIDS AND NATURE The *UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve* contributes to the *LA Times Kids' Reading by Nine* literacy program. Articles on plants and animals, with illustrations by children ages 5-12, occur regularly in the *Learning Links* section of the *Kids Reading Room* on-line page: <http://www.latimes.com/features/kids/readingroom/>

To review previous articles: <http://nrs.ucop.edu/reserves/stunt/newsforkids.html>



SAT 1/19 9:30am

Runyon Canyon Park
Geology Walk Geologist-led walk covering over 100 million years of history. Meet at north entrance to park (Mulholland Dr. & Desmond Estates Rd). 2hrs FORC

SAT 1/19 10am

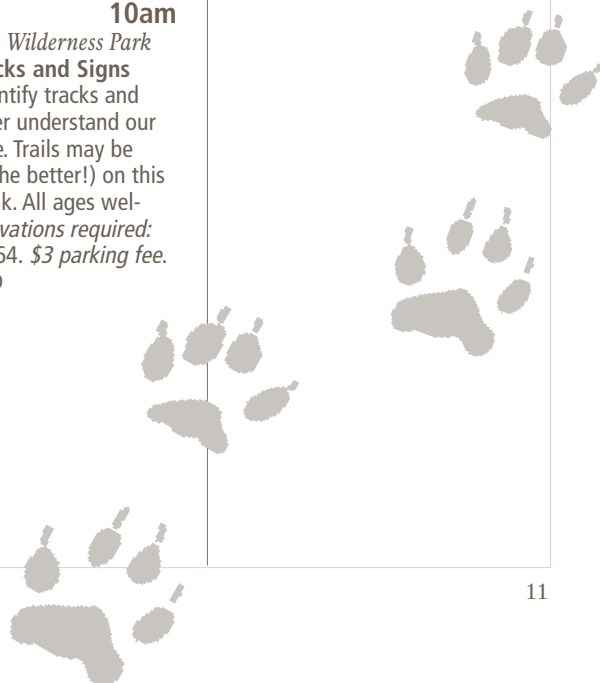
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Plant Adventures Discuss the relationships between plants and animals on a slow-paced hike. Bring lunch to have with further discussion afterwards. 3hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 1/19 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Animal Tracks and Signs Learn to identify tracks and scat to better understand our local wildlife. Trails may be muddy (all the better!) on this 1.5-mile walk. All ages welcome. *Reservations required:* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 1/19 10am

King Gillette Ranch
Walking On the Razor's Edge: A Tour of the King Gillette Ranch What do a razor mogul, a famous movie director, and one of the largest Chumash villages have in common? This landscape... this home...this garden in the heart of the Santa Monica Mountains. Sharpen your knowledge on this historic walking tour. \$5 parking fee. 1.5hrs NPS/MRCA



January

SAT 1/19 12:30pm

Malibu Creek State Park

Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts and games at the Visitor Center, 3/4 mile from the parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 1/19 4pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Messages from the Animals Learn what the animals in our lives are telling you on this fun meditative hiking journey for all ages. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 1/20 8am

Malibu Creek State Park

Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. 4hrs SFVAS



SUN 1/20 10am

Cold Creek Preserve

Nestling In For Winter Learn how nature adapts to cold weather in a pristine chaparral, grotto-studded canyon. Discover the lady-bug's hide-away! Meet at the lower gate. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 1/20 1pm

Topanga State Park

Winter Adventure Walk The trails in this beautiful park offer a variety of close-up scenes and distant vistas. Join a docent naturalist in discovering winter signposts. 2hrs TCD

SUN 1/20 3:30pm

Cold Creek Preserve

Moonrise & Sunset From the abandoned lookout above Topanga, enjoy views of the moon, sun, stars, cities and distant mountains. Bring supper, water, and a 'goodie' to share. Meet at Top of Stunt Road. 3hrs MRT

TUE 1/22 9am

*Malibu Creek State Park-
Backbone Trailhead-
Malibu Canyon Rd*

Moderate Hikers/Peak 2049 via Castro Motorway This 6-mile, 1000' gain hike (with option to also bag Mesa Peak) is the 15th in a series of peak-bagging hikes. Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-822-6848. 4hrs SC

TUE 1/22 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 1/22 5pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Full Moon Hike Hike two miles to an overlook. Watch the moon rise over the sea and look for wildlife in the fading light. Wear sturdy shoes; bring a flashlight. *Reservations required:* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

TUE 1/22 7pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Full Moon Hike Explore the canyon by moonlight on this moderately strenuous hike for all ages. Look and listen for wildlife. Enjoy views of stars and the city. Meet at lower parking lot near restroom. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

Free Cultural Workshop

January 20, 2008

Sunday 10am and 1pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Ages 8 and above, make your own Chumash shell rattle with **Julie Tumamait-Stenslie**. 2 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Up Close

Millions of Years In the Making

*Each year, thousands of people hike to the highest point in the Santa Monica Mountains—**Sandstone Peak** (3111'). Sandstone, however, is a sedimentary rock made of marine deposits and other sediments. This peak has very different origins.*

Imagine standing on the shores of Malibu 24 million years ago. The dinosaurs are long gone, but the Santa Monica Mountains are yet to be born. Broad plains extend from the middle of California to the coast. Much of the land that makes up the Los Angeles area is underwater.

For millions of years, the ground slowly moves, churns, and presses until the Earth begins to crack and molten lava oozes from underwater vents. Thus, the Santa Monica Mountains and Channel Islands began to glimmer in the ocean depths.

In time, the eruptions became explosive and burst through the water's surface. For another 3 million years, the mountains continued to grow to over 10,000 feet high. Three times taller than they are now! The elements of wind and rain peel away this surface creating the beaches and valleys we know today.

— Judy Lively, NPS Park Ranger and Mike Theune, Geology Intern

*Interested in learning more about the dynamic formation of the Santa Monica Mountains? Visit the following website:
<http://www.nps.gov/samo/naturescience/geologicformations.htm>*

*Expand your knowledge on geology. Attend **Geology Walk** on 1/19 at 9:30am, a lecture on the **San Andreas Fault** on 1/26 at 2pm, or **Franklin's Faults** on 3/29 at 11am.*

January

THUR 1/24 10am

Cold Creek Preserve

Cold Creek Meanderings

Milk maids, the first sign of spring, bloom along the shaded glens. On this easy 3-mile walk, look for other signs as the trails pass under oak canopies, through grasslands and mountain lilac tunnels. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 3hrs MRT/CNPS

SAT 1/26 8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Morning Birds of Franklin Canyon

Enjoy the sights and sounds of busy birds gearing up for their day. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars. No dogs please. Meet in the parking lot below the nature center. 2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 1/26 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided.

Bring gloves, water, and lunch. *Reservations required:* 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 1/26 8:30am

Point Mugu State Park

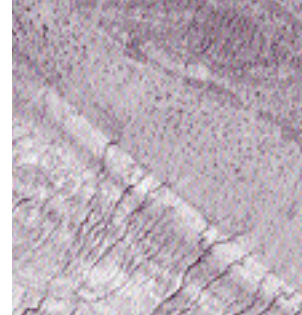
Trail Work on La Jolla Valley Loop Trail

Meet in La Jolla Canyon day parking lot. Be sure to get a trail worker card to display on the dashboard. Bring gloves, lunch, and water. Info: 805-987-3437. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 1/26 2pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Speak for the Trees "I speak for the trees," said the Lorax, and so can YOU in this playful, interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches and leaves or needles. Kids of all ages welcome! 2hrs WODOC/MRCA



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

The San Andreas Fault: What it is, Where to Find it and How to See it

January 26

Saturday, 2pm

National Park Service
Visitor Center

Explore the famous San Andreas Fault with author **David K. Lynch**.

Learn how to see and touch the fault on any one of 12 easy day trips.

His *Field Guide to the San Andreas Fault*

will be available for purchase and signing.

1.5 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

SUN 1/27 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Birdwatching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 1/27 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Fitness Hike Get movin' with fitness enthusiast Zahava on this moderate hike. Beginners welcome. Bring water; wear workout/hiking shoes. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 1/27 9am

Cold Creek Preserve
Riparian Habitat Restoration Help increase the riparian area along Dry Creek. Take out non-native invasive plants and plant native plants and grasses; receive credit for community service hours. *Reservations required:* 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SUN 1/27 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea View the recovery of native wildflowers (and many weeds) from last year's fire. Enjoy wave action on the beach and maybe see a whale migrating or a sea lion rollicking. 2hrs CNPS

SUN 1/27 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents This is a special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Info: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 1/27 1pm

Topanga State Park
Winter Adventure Walk The trails in this beautiful park offer a variety of close-up scenes and distant vistas. Join a docent naturalist in discovering winter signposts. 2hrs TCD

TUE 1/29 9am

Temescal Gateway Park
Moderate Hikers/Inspiration Point This 8-mile, 1500' gain hike (from scenic Rivas Canyon to Will Rogers State Park) is the 16th in a series of peak-bagging hikes. Bring water, lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 818-501-1225. 5hrs SC

TUE 1/29 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

Egrets by Lilian Darling Holt



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Garden Tours of the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more.
Reservation required:
310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small
groups (no reservations
are required).

*Meet docent(s) next to
the Gate House at 10am
for a one-hour tour. FEE*

Contemporary Native American Art Exhibit

Weekends 2/2 thru 3/30

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Experience the photography of **Valena Broussard Dismukes**. This fine art exhibit *Native Americans: The Red-Black Connection* is on people of mixed African and American Indian heritage. Her new book *The Red-Black Connection* will be featured.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 2/2 8:30am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons

Backbone Trail/Trancas Canyon This moderately-paced 13-mile 3000' gain hike from Kanan Dume Rd includes the newest section of the Backbone Trail (car shuttle). Bring lunch and water. Info: 310-391-5004. 8hrs SC

SAT 2/2 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. *Reservations required:* 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

California State Parks

February *Schedule of Events*



Leo Carrillo State Park

Info: 805-488-1827

Sundays, 10am

Adventure with a Ranger Join a ranger to explore some of the many wonders of this park. Meet at the entrance station. 1 hour

Point Mugu State Park

Info: 805-488-1827

Saturdays, 10am

Adventure with a Ranger Join a ranger to explore some of the many wonders of Sycamore Canyon. Meet at the entrance station. 1 hour

SAT 2/2 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 2/2 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. *Rain cancels.* Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 2/2 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Aerobic Trek Get your heart pumping and legs moving while enjoying the great outdoors. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 2/2 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve
First Saturday Follow a streamside trail, through oak woodlands to a gently rolling basin of interesting nooks and crannies where craggy sandstone peaks loom above. Meet at the Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 2hrs CCD

SAT 2/2 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
WODOC and the Movies See why Franklin Canyon has been a premier filming location for movies and TV shows such as *When a Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One Night*, and the beginning of *The Andy Griffith Show*. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 2/2 12:30pm

Malibu Creek State Park
Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts and games at the Visitor Center, 3/4 mile from the parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 2/2 1pm

Peter Strauss Ranch
La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Help remove invasive non-native plants to create wildlife habitat. Receive credit for community service. *Reservations required:* 818-591-1701 x203. Bring lunch and water. Meet in parking lot. 3hrs MRT

SAT 2/2 7pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Silent Night Walk Expand your wilderness awareness skills on a wordless journey. Wear sturdy shoes or boots for this moderate to strenuous walk; bring water and flashlight. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 2/3 8am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring water and snack. 3hrs SC

SUN 2/3 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles Naturalist Bob has decades of scientific study on Franklin Canyon's flora and fauna. Join him on this moderate walk to discuss the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. *Reservations required:* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

MOUNTAIN BIKE VOLUNTEER & ORIENTATION DAY

DIAMOND X RANCH

Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 9:00am

Would you like to volunteer your time as a Mountain Bike Volunteer in the Santa Monica Mountains?

Join us at Diamond X Ranch, located on Mulholland Hwy 0.75 mile east of Las Virgenes Rd. Bring your bike and helmet for a short ride after the orientation.

Info: www.mountainbikeunit.com

Sponsored by Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority, California State Parks, and National Park Service.

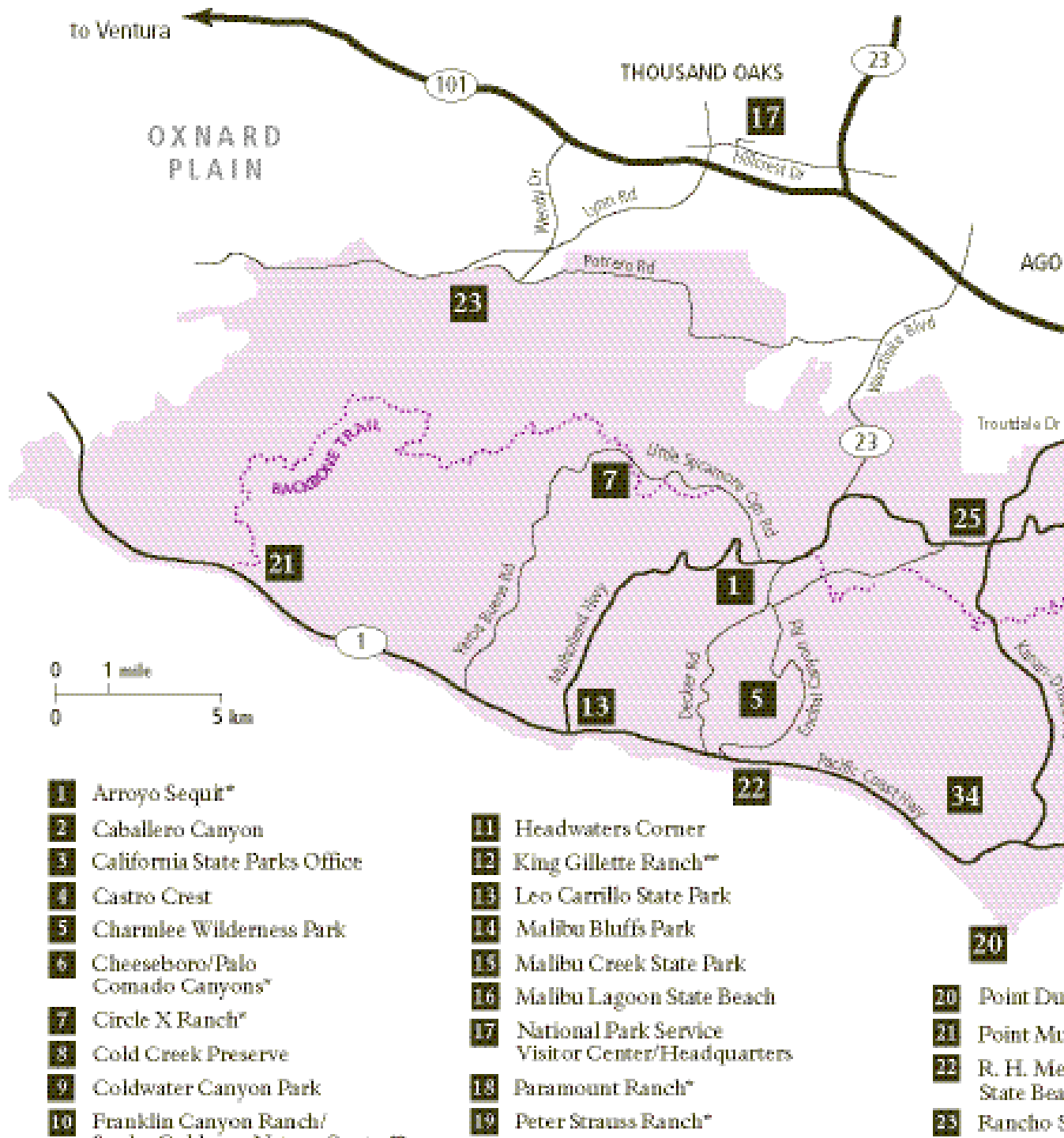
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DIRECTIONS TO PARKLAND LOCATIONS

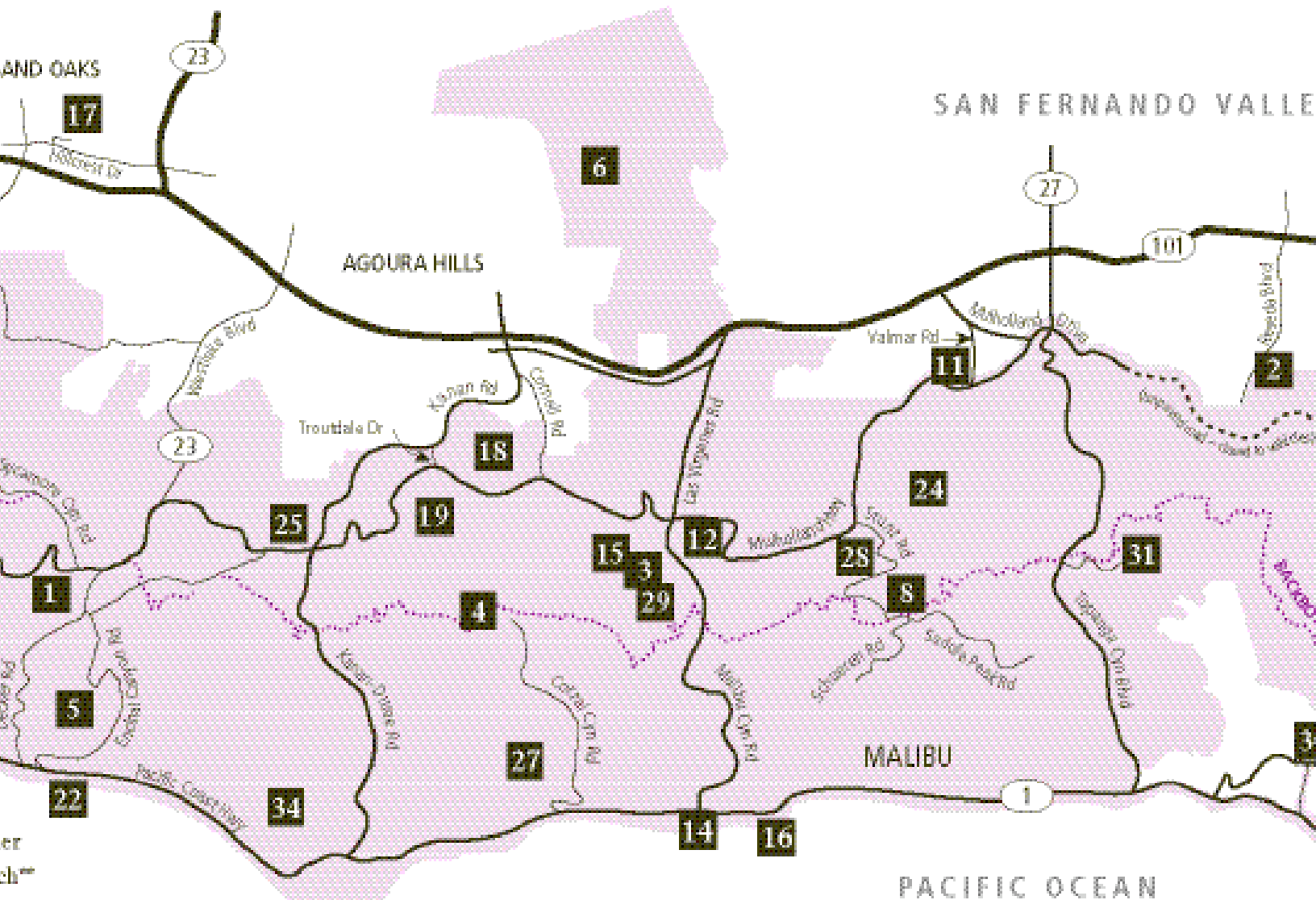
- 1 ***Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- 2 **Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.
Lower Trailhead: 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.
Upper Trailhead: Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- 3 **California State Parks Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. *From Pacific Coast Hwy:* north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- 4 ***Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- 5 **Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- 6 ***Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Cheesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Cheesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- 7 ***Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.
Sandstone Peak Trailhead: 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead: 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- 8 **Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.
Lower Stunt High Trailhead: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.
Preserve's Lower Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. *Permit required for walk-in visitation.*
Preserve's Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. *Permit required for walk-in visitation.*
Top of Stunt Rd: Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak and Stunt Rds.
- 9 **Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- 10 **Franklin Canyon Ranch/Sooky Goldman Nature Center**
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr/Upper Franklin Canyon: From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. *(To go to **Franklin Canyon Ranch:** continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)*
Franklin Canyon Ranch/Lower Franklin Canyon: From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. *(To go to **Upper Franklin Canyon:** continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)*

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Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area



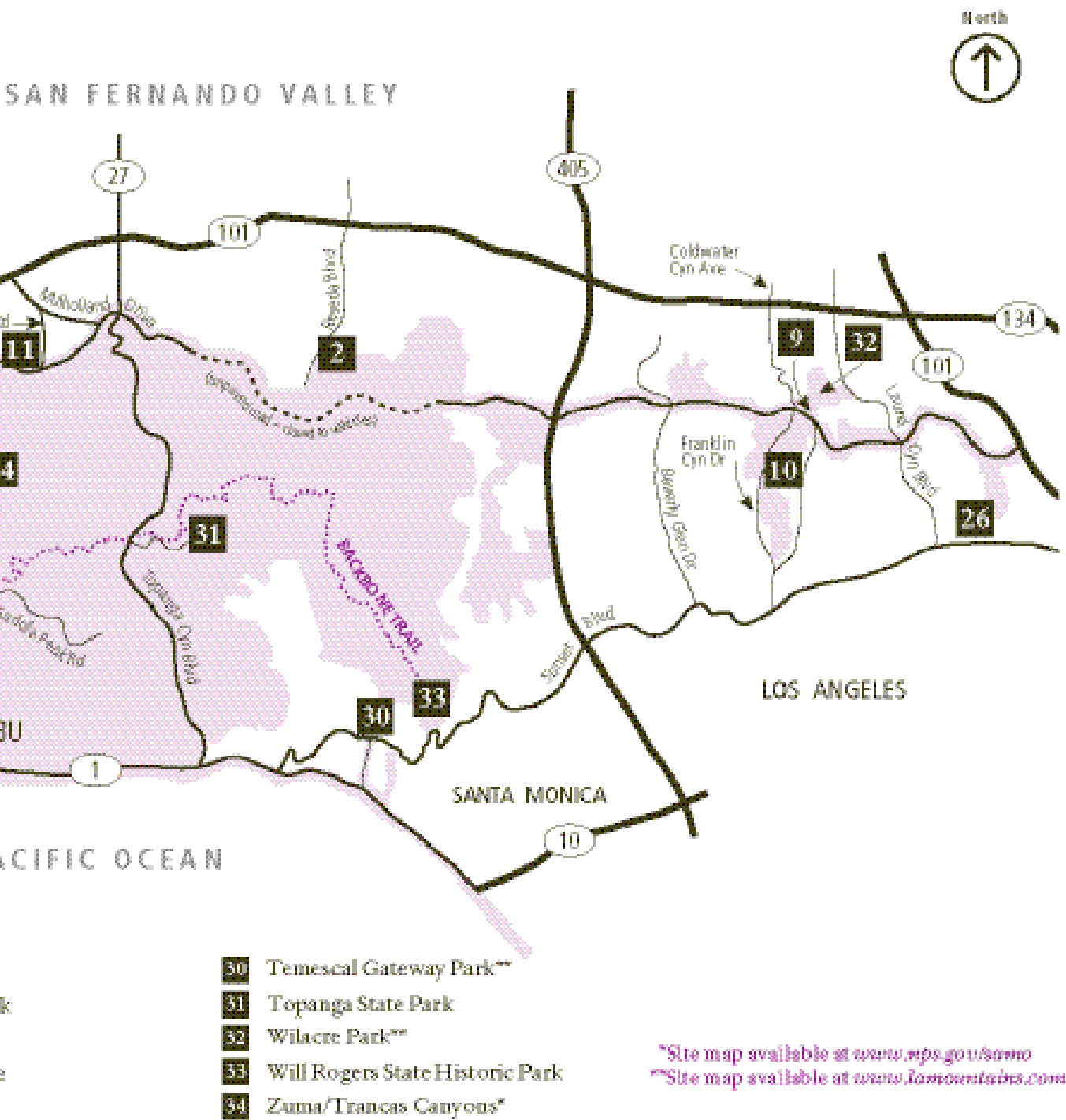
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- 20** Point Dume State Preserve
- 21** Point Mugu State Park
- 22** R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches
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- 26** Runyon Canyon Park
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

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| Circle X Ranch | Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS |
| Cold Creek Preserve | Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT |
| Coldwater Canyon Park | TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT from 2pm to 4pm. TP |
| Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr | Open daily. Hiking, picnicking and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA |
| Leo Carrillo State Park | Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP |
| Malibu Creek State Park | Camping, picnicking, fishing, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Regularly scheduled naturalist walks and group programs by reservation. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD |
| Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House | Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 12 or more. TUES: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS |
| Paramount Ranch | Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS |
| Peter Strauss Ranch | Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS |
| Point Mugu State Park | Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP |
| Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa | Hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open on SAT & SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS |
| Rocky Oaks | Hiking and equestrian trails, picnic area. NPS |
| Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center | Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS |
| Temescal Gateway Park | Open daily. Hiking, picnicking and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA |
| Topanga State Park | Hiking, picnicking, equestrian and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCD |
| Will Rogers State Historic Park | Park grounds open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD |
| UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve | Environmental research and education. K-12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR |

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- 11 Headwaters Corner** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Cir. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.
- 12 King Gillette Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.
- 13 Leo Carrillo State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway.
Nicholas Flat Trailhead From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel approximately 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.
- 14 Malibu Bluffs Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.
- 15 Malibu Creek State Park**
Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. *From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.*
Tapia Unit: Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.
Reagan Ranch: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy).
Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road: Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.
- 16 Malibu Lagoon State Beach**
Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway opposite Cross Creek Rd.
Adamson House: 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.
- 17 *National Park Service Visitor Center/Headquarters for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area**
401 West Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks. Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd. North on Lynn Rd. Turn east (right) on Hillcrest Dr. Left on McCloud Ave. Turn into first driveway on your right. Follow road to the end. The visitor center is located in first building nearest road.
- 18 *Paramount Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.
- 19 *Peter Strauss Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.
- 20 Point Dume State Preserve**
Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.
- 21 Point Mugu State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground.
Ray Miller Trailhead: 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.
- 22 R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches** Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.

23 *Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left.

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center: Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building.

Wendy Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.

24 Red Rock Canyon Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.

25 *Rocky Oaks Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.

26 Runyon Canyon Park Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.

27 *Solstice Canyon From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.

28 Stunt Ranch Reserve
See number 8.

29 Tapia Park *See number 15.*

30 Temescal Gateway Park
From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

31 Topanga State Park South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.

Los Lions Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.

32 Wilacre Park Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

33 Will Rogers State Historic Park 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

34 *Zuma/Trancas Canyons
Zuma Ridge Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Dr (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.
Zuma Canyon Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Dr (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive to Rainsford Pl. Turn right on Rainsford to Bonsall Dr. Turn left on Bonsall Dr. Parking lot at end of road.
Newton Canyon Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



Note: To check the degree of handicap accessibility to a site, please contact the sponsoring agency or National Park Service for information.

** Sites managed by the National Park Service*

Free Cultural Workshop

Sunday, February 3

10am–12pm and 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Create a gourd necklace
with **Nadiya Littlewarrior**.
All ages welcome. 2 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 2/3 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
The Magic of Nature
Children and families, join
volunteer Lucy to look for
clues on this gentle nature
hike. Wear sturdy shoes and
bring water or juice. 2hrs
WODOC/MRCA

SUN 2/3 1pm

Topanga State Park
Winter Adventure Walk Join
a docent naturalist on a stroll
through chaparral and oak
woodlands, observing the
resurgence of plant life. 2hrs
TCD

MON 2/4 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
**Calabasas Historical Society
Meeting** The Calabasas area is
rich in cultural resources. Help
protect the precious stories of
the past. Info: 818-591-1701
x205. 1.5hrs

TUE 2/5 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
**Moderate Hikers/Bien-
veneda/Leacock Trail to
Peak 2036** This is the 17th in
a series of peak-bagging hikes.
On this 9-mile, 1800' gain hike,
rediscover Peak 2036. Meet
at end of Bienveneda Avenue
(1/2 mile west of Temescal
Cyn Rd on Sunset Blvd). Bring
water and lunch. *Rain cancels.*
Info: 310-454-4188. 5hrs SC

TUE 2/5 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
**Botanical Drawing
Workshop** Join an ongoing
gathering of artists of all
levels. Draw and/or paint
plants indoors while learning
more about our native flora.
Reservations required: 323-
656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 2/9 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and
maintain trails. Tools and
instructions provided. Bring
gloves, water, and lunch.
Reservations required:
310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 2/9 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain
trails. No experience necessary.
For more info or to receive a
current schedule: 818-222-
4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 2/9 9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
**Meditation in the Moun-
tains** This peaceful walk,
talk, and guided meditation
will help us connect with
Mother Earth. Bring water.
2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 2/9 9am

Cold Creek Preserve
**Second Saturday Interpre-
tive Walk: Flowers and
Fungus** Spring is here with
mountain lilacs and milk maids
all in bloom; forms of fungus
push through the duff if the
rains have come. *Reservations
required:* 818-591-1701 x203.
3hrs MRT

SAT 2/9 9:30am

Headwater Corners
**Youth Naturalist Program:
Threatened and Endangered
Species** Children age 8-12,
what causes species to become
threatened, endangered, or
to die out? A guest speaker
will bring some threatened
animals. *Pre-registration
required* 818-591-1701 x181.
Fee. 3hrs MRT

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SAT 2/9 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Animal Tracks and Signs

Learn to identify tracks and scat to better understand our local wildlife. Trails may be muddy (all the better!) on this 1.5-mile walk. All ages welcome. *Reservations required:* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 2/9 10am

Paramount Ranch

From Set to Screen

Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join a park ranger on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS



SAT 2/9 4:30pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Evening Birds & Other Creatures of the Night

The canyon is full of activity when the sun goes down. Learn about this hidden nocturnal world on a casual sunset stroll. Bring binoculars. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 2/10 8am

King Gillette Ranch

Morning Birds All year round, a wealth of birdlife is attracted to the many habitats at this site. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. \$5 parking fee. *Rain cancels.* Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SUN 2/10 9am

Malibu Bluffs Park

Weed War and Habitat Restoration When this area burned last year, warring against the invasive non-native plants began immediately but there is much more to do. Bring lunch, water, and gloves. Receive community service credit. *Reservations required:* 818-348-5910. 4hrs CNPS

SUN 2/10 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

Calabasas Hi Point For this moderate hike on new trails, meet at trailhead at 24600 Calabasas Rd (Parkway Calabasas exit off Hwy 101, south to Calabasas Rd, then right to trailhead). Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

SUN 2/10 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fitness Hike Get movin' with fitness enthusiast Zahava on this moderate hike. Beginners welcome. Bring water; wear workout/hiking shoes. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 2/10 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

The Faces of Franklin Canyon

Who were William Mulholland, Sooky Goldman, and other influential faces of this area? 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 2/10 10am

Malibu Creek State Park

Welcome to Malibu Creek

Discover Native American, cinematic, geological and historical sites on this docent-led walk. Learn about plants and trees. Meet at the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 2/10 1pm

Topanga State Park

Winter Adventure Walk Join a docent naturalist on a stroll through chaparral and oak woodlands, observing the resurgence of plant life. 2hrs TCD

SUN 2/10 2pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon

An experienced photographer will help you find unique views and photo opportunities in nature. *Reservations required:* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 2/12 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/Nicholas Flat (1530') This 8-mile 1500' gain rendezvous hike is the 18th in a series of peak-bagging hikes. Meet in parking lot at Malibu Nature Preserve (33905 Pacific Coast Hwy). Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-457-9783. 5hrs SC

TUE 2/12 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/Nicholas Flat (1530') The 18th in a series of peak-bagging hikes, this is an easy, scenic 4-mile rendezvous hike with the group from Nature Preserve. Meet at end of Decker School Rd. Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 818-883-4723. 3hrs SC

TUE 2/12 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 2/12 7pm

Headwaters Corner
Fantasy Creatures from Gourds Create fantasy creatures using the infinite variety of shapes, sizes and surfaces of gourds. Info: 818-989-2550. 2hrs SFVGP

SAT 2/16 8am

Headwaters Corner
Great Backyard Bird Count Help us with the annual count of birds in our backyards. All you need are binoculars (we have a few to lend). This important data is then sent to scientists at Cornell Ornithology Lab and to Audubon. *Registration requested:* 818-591-1701 x181. 2hrs MRT

SAT 2/16 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. *Reservations required:* 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 2/16 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 2/16 9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Everyday is Earthday On this moderately paced hike, learn to be Earth-friendly by remembering the 3 R's of nature, (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle). 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 2/16 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Plant Adventures Discuss the relationships between plants and animals on a slow-paced hike. Bring lunch to have with further discussion afterwards. 3hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 2/16 12:30pm

Malibu Creek State Park
Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts and games at the Visitor Center, 3/4 mile from the parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 2/16 1pm

Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Habitat Restoration Help young oak woodlands replace weeds. Plant acorns and native plants plus remove non-native invasive weeds. Receive community service credit. *Reservations required:* 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SAT 2/16 2pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Speak for the Trees "I speak for the trees," said the Lorax, and so can YOU in this playful, interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches and leaves or needles. Kids of all ages welcome! 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 2/17 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 2/17 9am

Temescal Gateway Park
Beach Hike and Brunch Walk from Zuma Beach over Point Dume to brunch at Paradise Cove. Meet in Temescal Gateway parking lot (NW corner of Sunset and Temescal Canyon Rd). *Reservations required:* 310-454-4188. 5hrs TCA

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SUN 2/17 9am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Malibu Lagoon Bird Hike

This level 3-mile outing is suitable for beginners and advanced birders. Bring sturdy shoes/sandals, hat, snack or water, and binoculars. 3hrs CW

SUN 2/17 **10am**

Cold Creek Preserve

Winter Walk-About: Cold

Creek Trail Breathe deeply of the pungent sweet air as you explore an oak wooded corridor edged by a perennial stream. Meander along a chaparral trail to discover how nature responds to winter weather. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 2/17 **1pm**

Topanga State Park

Winter Adventure Walk Join

a docent naturalist on a stroll through chaparral and oak woodlands, observing the resurgence of plant life. 2hrs TCD

National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Native American Perspective on Climate Change

February 17

Saturday, 2pm

Satwiwa Native American
Indian Culture Center

Kat High, a recent trainee for Al Gore's Climate Project, will present a grass roots approach to caring for Mother Earth. Session will combine a PowerPoint presentation along with outside exploration.

1.5 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

SUN 2/17 3:45pm

Cold Creek Preserve

Moonrise & Sunset From

the abandoned lookout above Topanga, enjoy views of the moon, sun, stars, cities and distant mountains. Bring supper, water, and a 'goodie' to share. Meet at Top of Stunt Road. 3hrs MRT

TUE 2/19 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

Moderate Hikers/Kenter Canyon Overlook (1700')

This is the 19th in a series of peak-bagging hikes. Enjoy interesting vistas on this 6-mile, 700' gain hike. Meet at Crestwood Hills Park (1000 Hanley Ave, Brentwood). Bring water and lunch. *Rain cancels.* Info: 310-822-6848. 4hrs SC

TUE 2/19 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Botanical Drawing Workshop

gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

WED 2/20 5pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Lunar Eclipse Meditation

At moonrise, journey into the night on peaceful meditations (some moderate hiking). 2hrs
WODOC/MRCA

WED 2/20 5:30pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Full Moon Hike Hike two

miles to an overlook. Watch the moon rise over the sea. Look for wildlife in the fading light. Wear sturdy shoes; bring a flashlight. *Reservations required:* 310-317-1364. *\$3 parking fee.* 2hrs CMPRD

THUR 2/21 8:30am

Caballero Canyon

Chaparral Chatter

hike up the canyon with stops for wildflowers, enjoy nearby trails in Topanga State Park and views of city and mountains. Bring water and snack. Meet at the lower trailhead. Info: 818-345-6749. 3hrs CNPS



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| <p>THUR 2/21 7pm <i>Franklin Canyon Ranch</i> Full Moon Hike Explore the canyon by moonlight on this moderately strenuous hike for all ages. Look and listen for wildlife. Enjoy views of stars and the city. Meet at lower parking lot near restroom. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA</p> | <p>SAT 2/23 9am <i>Cold Creek Preserve</i> Wildland Habitat Restoration Day Plant native plants and destroy non-native plants to increase wildlife habitat. Receive community service credit. <i>Reservations required:</i> 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT</p> | <p>SUN 2/24 1pm <i>Topanga State Park</i> Winter Adventure Walk Join a docent naturalist on a stroll through chaparral and oak woodlands, observing the resurgence of plant life. 2hrs TCD</p> |
| <p>SAT 2/23 8am <i>Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr</i> Morning Birds of Franklin Canyon Enjoy the sights and sounds of busy birds gearing up for their day. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars. No dogs please. Meet in the parking lot below the nature center. 2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA</p> | <p>SUN 2/24 8:30am <i>Malibu Lagoon State Beach</i> Beach and Wetlands Birdwatching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS</p> | <p>TUE 2/26 9am <i>Circle X Ranch</i> Moderate Hikers/Sandstone Peak Join us for the 20th and the final in a series of peak-bagging hikes. This one is a 9-mile loop, 1500' gain on scenic trails passing Balanced Rock, Split Rock, and Echo Cliffs. Meet at Mishe Mokwa Trailhead. Bring water and lunch. <i>Rain cancels.</i> Info: 818-786-4932. 5hrs SC</p> |
| <p>SAT 2/23 8:30am <i>Santa Monica Mountains</i> Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. <i>Reservations required:</i> 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC</p> | <p>SUN 2/24 9am <i>Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr</i> Fitness Hike Get movin' with fitness enthusiast Zahava on this moderate hike. Beginners welcome. Bring water; wear workout/hiking shoes. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA</p> | <p>TUE 2/26 11am <i>Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr</i> Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. <i>Reservations required:</i> 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA</p> |
| <p>SAT 2/23 8:30am <i>Santa Monica Mountains</i> Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC</p> | <p>SUN 2/24 10am <i>Malibu Bluffs Park</i> Bluffs Ramble to the Sea View the recovery of native wildflowers (and many weeds) from last year's fire. Enjoy wave action on the beach and maybe see a whale migrating or a sea lion rollicking. 2hrs CNPS</p> | <p>THUR 2/28 10am <i>Cold Creek Preserve</i> Cold Creek Meanderings Spring and winter come together as early wildflowers burst into bloom. Pass under oak canopies, through mountain lilac tunnels and across open meadows for 3-5 miles. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 3hrs MRT/CNPS</p> |
| <p>SAT 2/23 9am <i>Franklin Canyon Ranch</i> Nature Rambles Naturalist Bob has decades of scientific study on Franklin Canyon's flora and fauna. Join him on this moderate walk to discuss the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. <i>Reservations required:</i> 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA</p> | <p>SUN 2/24 10am <i>Malibu Lagoon State Beach</i> Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Info: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS</p> | |

March

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SAT 3/1 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 3/1 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. *Reservations required:* 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 3/1 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Aerobic Trek Get your heart pumping and legs moving while enjoying the great outdoors. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRC

SAT 3/1 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. *Rain cancels.* Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 3/1 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve

First Saturday Enjoy a walk-about along a streamside trail, through oak woodlands to discover interesting niches in a chaparral basin set below craggy sandstone peaks. Meet at the Lower Stunt High Trail-head. 2hrs CCD

SAT 3/1 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

WODOC and the Movies See why Franklin Canyon has been a premier filming location for movies and TV shows such as *When a Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One Night*, and the beginning of *The Andy Griffith Show*. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 3/1 12:30pm

Malibu Creek State Park

Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts and games at the Visitor Center, 3/4 mile from the parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 3/1 1pm

Peter Strauss Ranch

La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Help remove invasive non-native plants to create wildlife habitat. Receive credit for community service. *Reservations required:* 818-591-1701 x203. Bring lunch and water. Meet in parking lot. 3hrs MRT

SAT 3/1 7pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Silent Night Walk Expand your wilderness awareness skills on a wordless journey. Wear sturdy shoes or boots for this moderate to strenuous walk; bring water and flashlight. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

Contemporary Native American Art Exhibit

Weekends 3/1 thru 3/30

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Experience the photography of **Valena Broussard Dismukes**. This fine art exhibit *Native Americans: The Red-Black Connection* is on people of mixed African and American Indian heritage. Her new book *The Red-Black Connection* will be featured.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 3/2 8am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring water and snack. 3hrs SC

SUN 3/2 9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Naturalist Bob has decades of scientific study on Franklin Canyon's flora and fauna. Join him on this moderate walk to discuss the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. *Reservations required:* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 3/2 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
The Magic of Nature Children and families, join volunteer Lucy to look for clues on this gentle nature hike. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water or juice. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

Free Cultural Concert

Sunday, March 2
10am–12pm and 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Listen to the healing flute music of
Eric "Medicine Wind" Alvarado.
All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 3/2 1pm

Topanga State Park
Early Spring Walk Join a docent naturalist in viewing emerging wildflowers and other signs of spring. 2hrs TCD

MON 3/3 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
Calabasas Historical Society Meeting The Calabasas area is rich in cultural resources. Help protect the precious stories of the past. Info: 818-591-1701 x205. 1.5hrs

TUE 3/4 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

FRI 3/7 6pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Twilight Hike Bring the family (and flashlight) for a 1.5-mile walk through woods and fields. Afterwards, we will check our insect lights for the ephemeral Ceanothus Silk moth. *Reservations required:* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

California State Parks

March Schedule of Events



Leo Carrillo State Park Info: 805-488-1827

Sundays, 10am
Adventure with a Ranger Join a ranger to explore some of the many wonders of this park. Meet at the entrance station. 1 hour

Point Mugu State Park Info: 805-488-1827

Saturdays, 10am
Adventure with a Ranger Join a ranger to explore some of the many wonders of Sycamore Canyon. Meet at the entrance station. 1 hour

March

SAT 3/8 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. *Reservations required:* 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 3/8 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 3/8 9am

Cold Creek Preserve
Second Saturday Interpretive Walk On this 2-mile walk, pass through tunnels of mountain lilacs and red shanks and under oak tree canopies. Visit a homestead, cross a wetland, listen to the streams at the grotto. *Reservations required:* 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SAT 3/8 10am

Paramount Ranch
From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SAT 3/8 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Morning Nature Hike Look for early blossoms on this naturalist-led, moderately-paced, two-mile hike to an ocean overlook. *Reservations required:* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 3/8 5pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Evening Birds & Other Creatures of the Night The canyon is full of activity when the sun goes down. Learn about this hidden nocturnal world on a casual sunset stroll. Bring binoculars. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 3/8 5pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Messages from the Animals Learn what the animals in our lives are telling you on this fun meditative hiking journey for all ages. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 3/9 8am

King Gillette Ranch
Morning Birds All year round, a wealth of birdlife is attracted to the many habitats at this site. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. \$5 parking fee. *Rain cancels.* Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SUN 3/9 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Fitness Hike Get movin' with fitness enthusiast Zahava on this moderate hike. Beginners welcome. Bring water and, if you like, your dog. Wear work-out/hiking shoes. *Rain cancels.* 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 3/9 9am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Weed War and Habitat Restoration Last year, this area burned and work began to restore ecological balance but there is still much to do. Bring lunch, water, and gloves. Receive community service credit. *Reservations required:* 818-348-5910. 4hrs CNPS

SUN 3/9 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
The Faces of Franklin Canyon Who were William Mulholland, Sooky Goldman, and other influential faces of this area? 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

12th Annual

Whale Festival

March 9, Sunday, 9am–4pm

Point Mugu State Park, Sycamore Cove

Join park naturalists to celebrate the annual return of the Gray whale. Enjoy whale watching, music, live performances, great food, and fun arts and crafts. **Info: 805-488-1827**

Sponsored by California State Parks and Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Association



In-Depth Cultural Workshop Sunday, March 9

10am to 4pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Join us for a full day of handcrafted gourd art with **Nadiya Littlewarrior**. Learn how to turn ordinary gourds into stunning home accessories. Beginners and adults welcome. Bring a lunch. \$45.00 suggested materials and presenter fee.

Reservations Required: 805-375-1930

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 3/9 1pm

Topanga State Park

Early Spring Walk Join a docent naturalist in viewing emerging wildflowers and other signs of spring. 2hrs TCD

TUE 3/11 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop

Join an ongoing gathering of artists. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 3/11 7pm

Headwaters Corner

Gourds – Cutting and Cleaning From micro-saws to cleaning balls, the new tools are constantly expanding. Learn how to use our favorites. Info: 818-989-2550. 2hrs SFVGP

SAT 3/15 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. *Reservations required:* 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC



Garden Tours of the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more.

Reservation required:
310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small groups (no reservations are required).

Meet docent(s) next to the Gate House at 10am for a one-hour tour. FEE

SAT 3/15 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 3/15 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

Oak Woodland Habitat Restoration “Pull and Plant (weeds and oaks)”

Work in one of many oak groves planted by volunteers over the past 10 years. Bring lunch, water, and gloves; tools provided. Receive community service credit. *Reservations required:* 818-348-5910. 4hrs MRT/CNPS

SAT 3/15 9:30am

Headwater Corners

Youth Naturalist Program:

Native American Birds

Children age 8-12, learn from a guest speaker with live birds and microscopes. Bring binoculars (if you have them). *Pre-registration required* 818-591-1701 x181. *Fee.* 3hrs MRT

SAT 3/15 10am

King Gillette Ranch

Walking On the Razor’s Edge: A Tour of the King Gillette Ranch

What do a razor mogul, a famous movie director, and one of the largest Chumash villages have in common? Sharpen your knowledge on this historic walking tour. *\$5 parking fee.* 1.5hrs NPS/MRCA

SAT 3/15 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Plant Adventures Discuss the relationships between plants and animals on a slow-paced hike. Bring lunch to have with further discussion afterwards. 3hrs WODOC/MRCA

March

SAT 3/15 10:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Escondido Beach to Pt. Dume Low-tide Walk Walk along some of the most beautiful beaches in CA (6.5-miles round-trip). Bring water, lunch, extra socks/water sandals; wear a hat. Meet at the signed Coastal Access where Escondido Beach Rd joins Hwy 1 (3.7 miles west of Malibu Canyon Rd or 2.1 miles east of Kanan-Dume Rd). Park on hwy shoulder. *Rain cancels.* 4.5hrs CW

SAT 3/15 12:30pm

Malibu Creek State Park
Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts and games at the Visitor Center, 3/4 mile from the parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 3/15 2pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Speak for the Trees "I speak for the trees," said the Lorax, and so can YOU in this playful, interactive program. Kids of all ages welcome! 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 3/15 6pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Guys are Different in a Wild Kinda Way! Get mud on your boots and dirt under your fingernails. Walk on the wild side on this heart-pumping hike up a steep trail. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 3/16 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 3/16 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve
Spring Equinox On this easy-paced amble, enjoy the surprising lushness of a pristine chaparral canyon landscape. Meet at the lower gate. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 3/16 1pm

Topanga State Park
Early Spring Walk Join a docent naturalist in viewing emerging wildflowers and other signs of spring. 2hrs TCD

SUN 3/16 1pm

Cold Creek Preserve
Wildland Habitat Restoration Day Increase wildlife habitat by planting native oaks and willows along the Cold Creek Trail and Dry Creek. Receive credit for community service hours. *Reservations required:* 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

TUE 3/18 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Botanical Drawing Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

WED 3/19 9am

Point Mugu State Park
Beach Cleanup Help pick up debris from the winter storms. Bring sturdy shoes and water. Supplies will be provided. Meet at Sycamore Cove (across from Sycamore Canyon entrance). Info: 805-488-1827. 2hrs CSP

THUR 3/20 8:30am

Caballero Canyon
Chaparral Chatter On this hike up the canyon with stops for wildflowers, enjoy nearby trails in Topanga State Park and views of city and mountains. Bring water and snack. Meet at the lower trailhead. Info: 818-345-6749. 3hrs CNPS

THUR 3/20 10am

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Spring Equinox Meditation All ages are welcome to walk gently on a pregnant Mother Earth as she begins her cycle for bearing new life. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

Free Cultural Workshop

Sunday, March 16

10am and 1pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Discover the variety of ancient uses for native plants. Come walk and talk in the garden with expert **Richard Bugbee**. All ages welcome. 1 to 2 hours.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



Romantic Full Moon Tours

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tour the Adamson House under a full moon. *FEE.* 1.5 hours MLMD

For Reservations, Dates & Times: **310-456-8432**

FRI 3/21 6:30pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Hike two miles to an overlook. Watch the moon rise over the sea. Look for wildlife in the fading light. Wear sturdy shoes; bring a flashlight. *Reservations required:* 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

FRI 3/21 7pm

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Morning Birds of Franklin Canyon Enjoy the sights and sounds of busy birds gearing up for their day. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars. No dogs please. Meet in the parking lot below the nature center. 2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 3/22 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. *Reservations required:* 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 3/22 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 3/22 9am

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Nature Rambles Join Naturalist Bob on a moderate walk to discuss the complex dance between birds, plants and insects. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. *Reservations required:* 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

Wildflower Show & Wildflower Walks

March 22 and March 23
Saturday, Sunday,
10am-4pm
Malibu Bluffs Park

Native wildflowers from botanical and home gardens on display. Plants, books, posters and more for sale.

At 1pm each day, California Native Plant Society members will lead a 2-hour guided walk around the Bluffs and down to the sea. Expect to see fire-following wildflowers as native plants (and weeds) recover from the 1/07 wildfire.

CMPRD, MRCA, CNPS

LA PRIMAVERA DE LAS MONTAÑAS Spring in the Mountains Bilingual Hike

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa



Sábado, 22 de Marzo 10:00am

Los días se extienden, los campos están reverdeciendo, y los animales se hacen más activos. Venga a explorar que otros cambios trae la Primavera a nuestras montañas. La caminata será bilingüe, español e inglés. Sendero fácil, 2 millas. Favor traiga agua, comida y zapatos cómodos. Gratis. Direcciones vea #23 (Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa) del mapa incluido al medio de este librito. Información: Antonio Solorio 805-370-2348. 2 Horas

Saturday, March 22 10:00am

The days are getting longer, the mountains are greening, and animals are more active. Join us on this bilingual hike as we explore the seasonal changes that are brought to our mountains by spring. Easy 2-mile hike. Bring water, lunch, and comfortable hiking shoes. Directions, see #23 (Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa) on map in the middle of publication. Info: 805-370-2301. 2 hours

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

March

SAT 3/22 5:30pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Spring Equinox Hike

Celebrate the beginning of Spring with this moderate hike. Discuss seasonal changes and identify planets and constellations. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 3/23 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Beach and Wetlands Bird-watching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 3/23 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fitness Hike Get movin' with fitness enthusiast Zahava on this moderate hike. Beginners welcome. Bring water and, if you like, your dog. Wear work-out/hiking shoes. *Rain cancels.* 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 3/23 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Info: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 3/23 1pm

Topanga State Park

Early Spring Walk Join a docent naturalist in viewing emerging wildflowers and other signs of spring. 2hrs TCD

TUE 3/25 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Botanical Drawing

Workshop Join an ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw and/or paint plants indoors while learning more about our native flora. *Reservations required:* 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

WED 3/26 9am

Leo Carrillo State Park

Beach Cleanup Help pick up debris from the winter storms. Bring sturdy shoes and water. Supplies will be provided. Meet at Sycamore Cove. Info: 805-488-1827. 2hrs CSP

THUR 3/27 10am

Cold Creek Preserve

Cold Creek Meanderings Mountain lilac, bush poppies and spring wildflowers adorn the trails. Pass under oak canopies and cross meadows for 3-5 miles. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 3hrs MRT/CNPS

SAT 3/29 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. *Reservations required:* 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 3/29 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 3/29 10am

Malibu Creek State Park

Welcome to Malibu Creek

Discover Native American, cinematic, geological and historical sites on this docent-led walk. Learn about plants and trees. Meet at the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 3/29 11am

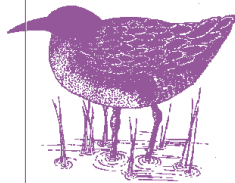
Franklin Canyon Ranch

Franklin's Faults Get up close to earthquake faults that have helped to create Franklin Canyon. Learn how to prepare for earthquakes and other emergencies. *Rain cancels.* 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 3/30 1pm

Topanga State Park

Early Spring Walk Join a docent naturalist in viewing emerging wildflowers and other signs of spring. 2hrs TCD



Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains & Seashore

Art Exhibit & Sale

March 30, 2008

Sunday, 11:00am to 4:00pm

Fifth annual exhibit, reception and sale at Headwaters Corner. Enjoy plein air art and music in a garden setting. Local artists will present work in all mediums. Free admission. Refreshments will be served.

Info: 818-591-1701 x188

Event co-sponsors: AASMM and MRT (20% of sales will be donated to MRT)

HIKING & SAFETY TIPS



Untitled by Pat McLean, Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest 2007 Winner—2nd Place, Threats to Parklands Category

Ticks are plentiful. Some of them carry diseases. Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking.

Southern Pacific Rattlesnakes make the mountains their home. Stay away from them, and they won't bother you. In case of a rattlesnake bite, DO NOT make an incision or try to draw out venom. Splint the extremity and transport victim to an emergency room.

Wear sturdy **footwear**—hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

Poison oak can be identified by its clusters of three shiny leaflets. The best way to avoid it is to stay on trails.

Never hike alone, use the buddy system. That leaves someone to go for help if you encounter trouble.

Help prevent wildfire. Do not smoke on trails or in brush areas. Do not build fires on the ground.

Carry plenty of **water** and drink it. One quart for short walks, more for longer hikes.

Note: Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, please help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

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